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SUBJECT: SWEDISH PRESS REPORTS ON GOS APPROACH TO USG ON
MISSING PERSONS IN ARGENTINA

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1. SWEDISH PRESS REPORTS AFTERNOON JULY 7 AND MORNING JULY 8
THAT THE SWEDISH MFA HAS REQUESTED US ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING
INFORMATION REGARDING THE DISAPPEARANCE OF SWEDISH CITIZEN
DAGMAR HAGELIN IN ARGENTINA (REFS B AND C). PRESS ACCOUNTS
ADD THAT SWEDEN HAS CONTACTED OTHER COUNTRIES WHOSE CITIZENS
HAVE ALSO VANISHED, NAMING WEST GERMANY AS A PARTICULARLY
INTERESTED PARTY WHOSE RELATIONS WITH THE GOA HAVE
QUICKLY DETERIORATED.

2. SWEDEN HAS MADE NUMEROUS UNFRUITFUL REQUESTS TO THE GOA
FOR INFORMATION ABOUT HAGELIN SINCE HER DISAPPEARANCE
LAST JANUARY, CULMINATING IN A PERSONAL MESSAGE IN MAY FROM
PRIME MINISTER FALLDIN TO PRESIDENT VIDELA. THIS MESSAGE
HAS GONE UNANSWERED.

3. ACCORDING TO THE PRESS, THE GOS WANTS TO ARRANGE
A COMMON APPROACH TO THE GOA BY THE GOVERNMENTS CON-
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CERNED ABOUT MISSING PERSONS, PARTICULARLY INCLUDING
THE US SINCE THE US HAS "STRONGER MEANS OF PRESSURE"
ON THE GOA THAN THE OTHER COUNTRIES. AT LEAST ONE
PAPER CITES MFA SOURCES AS BELIEVING THAT, GIVEN
PRESIDENT CARTER'S HUMAN RIGHTS STANCE AND THE FACT
THAT AMERICAN CITIZENS HAVE DISAPPEARED AS WELL, THE
AMERICANS WILL BE WILLING TO JOIN IN A COLLECTIVE EFFORT.
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